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THE THOMAS CLUB PAGE

Peep! Peep! Percy is one of the small engines on the Island of Sodor and the bigger engines often tease him about his size! But, Terence the Tractor is even smaller than Percy! One day Percy and Terence were working together in the forest. It was then that Percy discovered that you don't need to be big to be very useful! You can read about Percy and Terence on the next page!

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In our next issue: Edward has an accident!

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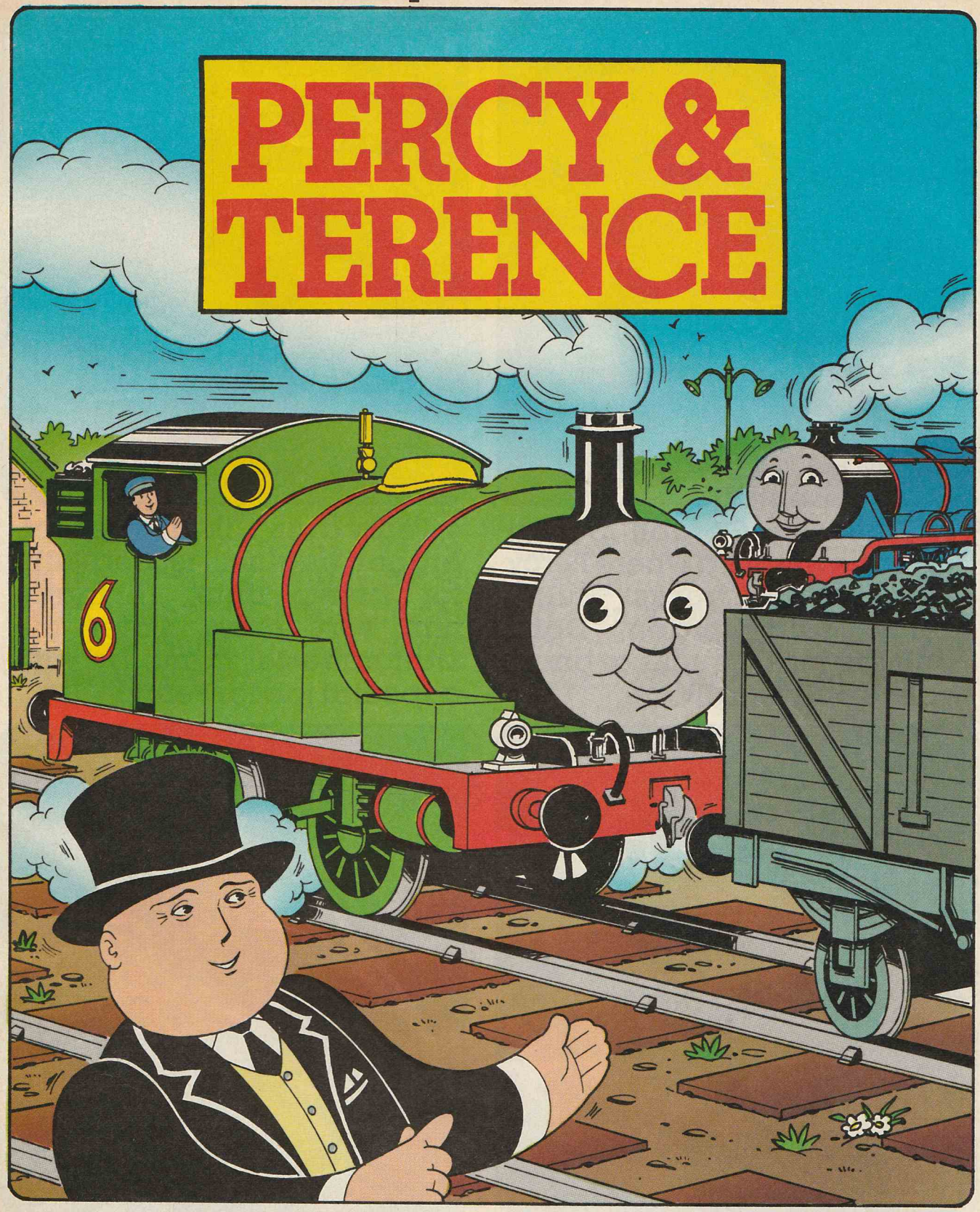
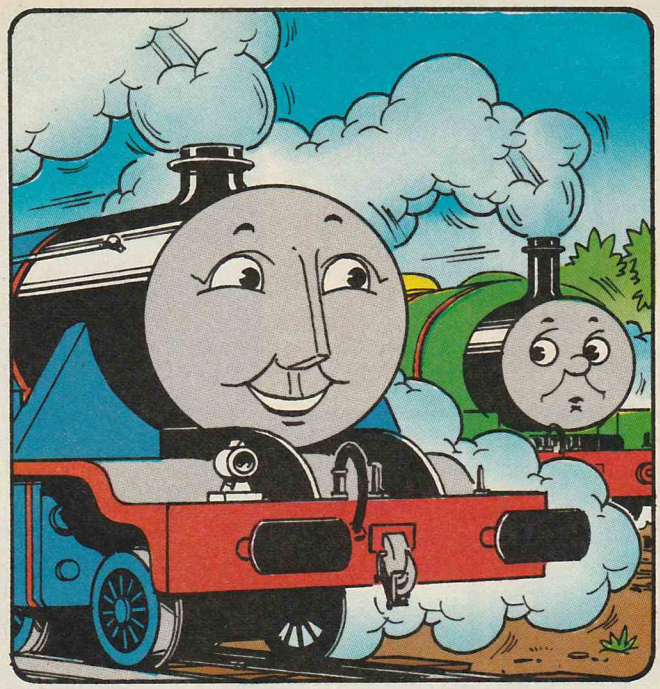
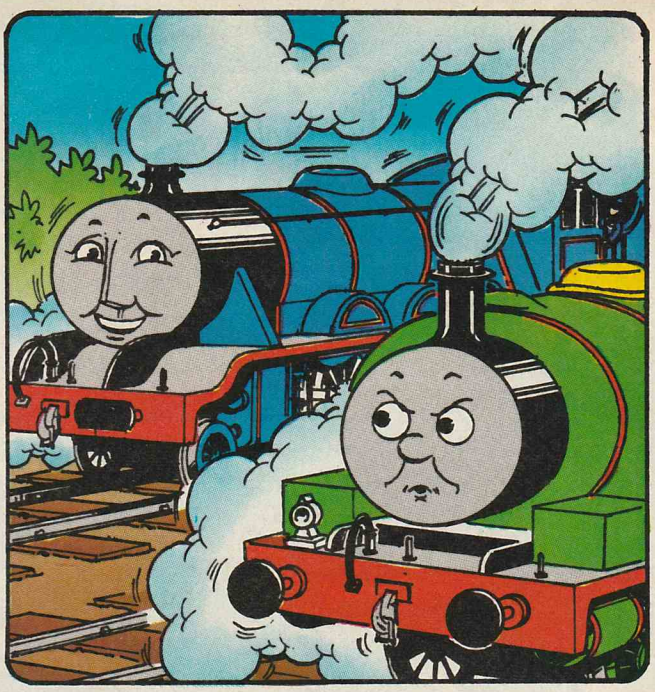


1. Percy is a cheery little tank engine who enjoys his work. He doesn't mind being the smallest engine on the Fat Controller's railway. He knows he is very useful.

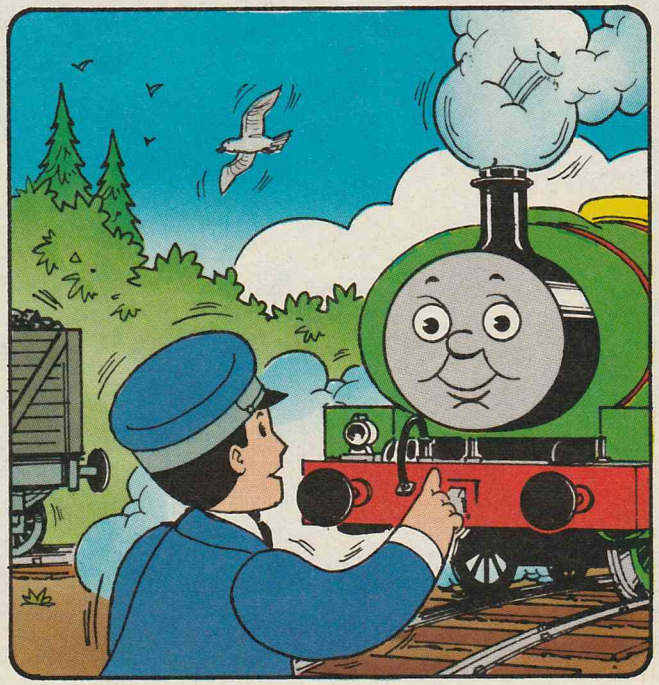
2. Sometimes, some of the larger and stronger engines like to boast to Percy. They often show off about their size. "What use is a small engine?" they laugh.



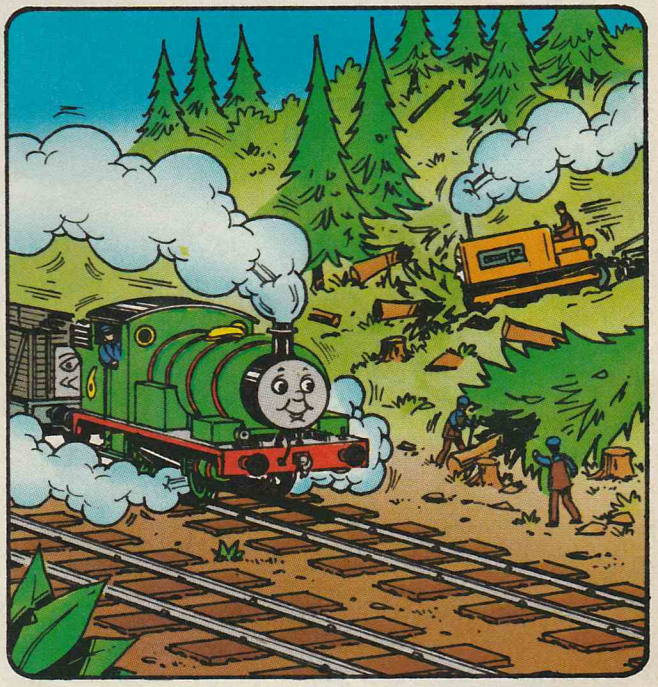
3. One day Gordon puffed through the yard where Percy was shunting trucks. "Hullo, Percy!" said Gordon. "Don't pull too many trucks at once, you're only small!"



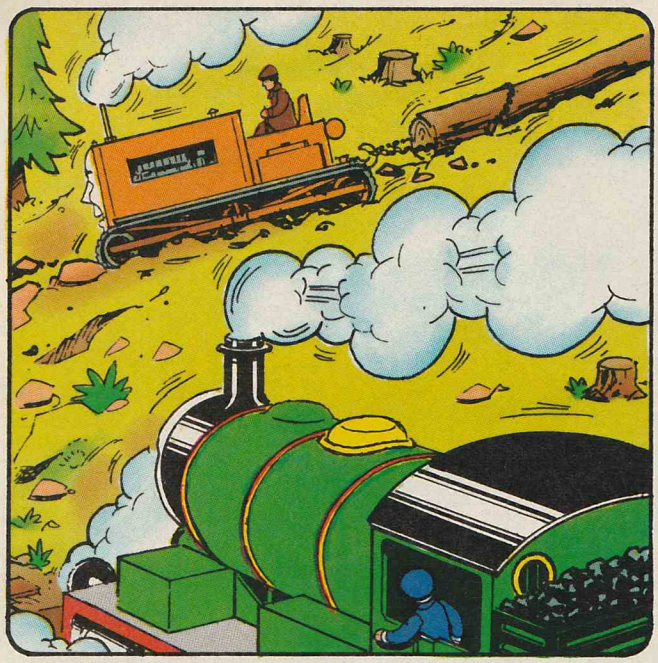
4. Percy didn't like it when the bigger engines teased him for being little. It made him very cross. Later the Stationmaster came by with a special job for Percy.



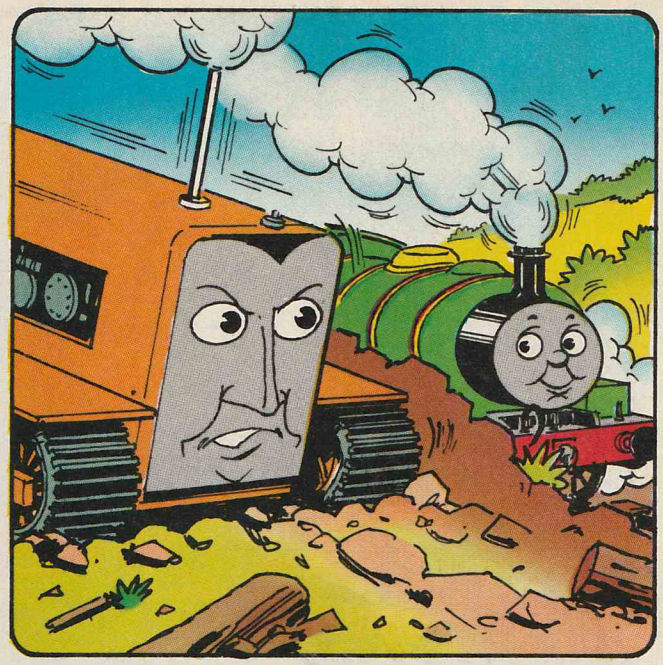
5. "The park keeper is working in the forest, felling trees," he told Percy. "He needs your help to carry the wood away." Percy was excited and quickly left the yard.



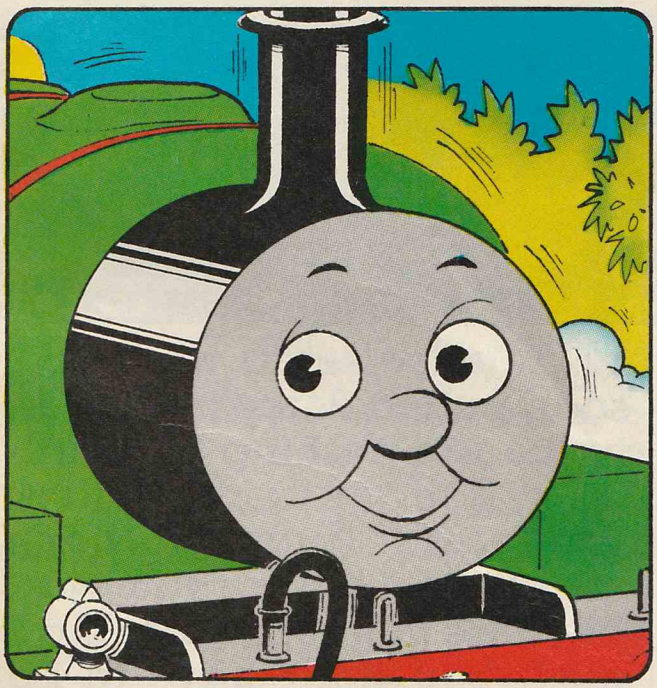
6. When Percy reached the forest there were a lot of people cutting down trees. Terence the Tractor was there too, busily dragging a tree towards the tracks.



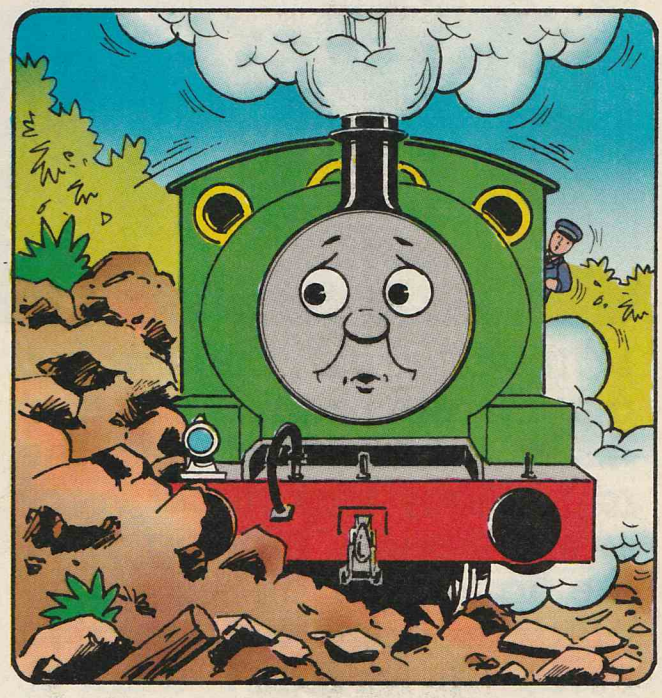
7. "Hullo, Percy!" Terence called. "Hullo," replied Percy, as he watched Terence at work. "Don't pull too many trees at once, or you might strain your gears."



8. "What do you mean?" asked Terence. "I'm very strong!" "Ha!" Percy laughed. "Only one tree at a time! When the men load my trucks, I'll pull lots of logs."



9. Percy was enjoying teasing Terence, who was smaller than him. Terence was very cross. Suddenly something very dangerous happened . . .



10. With all the heavy work, the bank of earth beside the railway had become unstable. Suddenly it collapsed all over the tracks around Percy. Percy tried to move.

11. It was no use. There was so much earth around him that his wheels couldn't grip the rails! Percy was stuck! Percy saw Terence moving over the landslide on his caterpillar treads. "Help!" cried Percy. "I wouldn't want to pull too much," said Terence. "I might strain my gears." But he was only teasing and was coming to help.

12. Terence set to work and soon pulled Percy free! Then he began pushing the earth away from the tracks. "Thank you," said Percy. "I didn't mean to tease you just because you're smaller than me." "You don't have to be big to be really useful," said Terence. "I agree," said Percy, "and I'm going to tell Gordon just that."

THE END

In our next issue: Edward's accident!

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RUNAWAY

One fine, sunny morning Percy was pulling a light goods train. He was heading for the Big Harbour on the Island of Sodor.

On his journey, Percy stopped at Edward's station where he had to collect some more trucks. He pulled up alongside Edward.

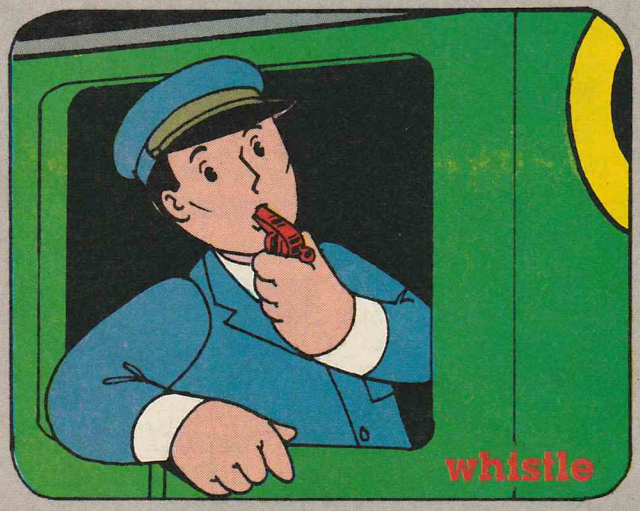
"Hullo, Edward," he said.

"Hullo, Percy," replied Edward. "Where are you going?"

"I'm taking these trucks to the Big Harbour," said Percy.

"I will follow you then," said Edward. "Because that's where I'm going as well!"

The guard waved his flag and Percy's driver blew his whistle.



"Pip pip! Goodbye!" called Percy as he puffed away.

He hadn't gone very far when he heard Edward's whistle.

"Peep, peep! Percy!" called Edward.

Percy could hear Edward catching up behind him.

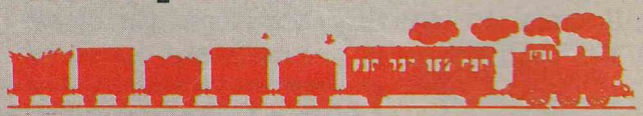
"Wouldn't it be fun to race away from Edward?" Percy thought.

Percy's driver looked at his watch and realised they had to make up time. He asked the fireman to shovel on more coal.

Edward's whistle became more and more faint as Percy sped on and left him behind.

"We're speeding away! We're speeding away!" sang Percy to his trucks.

Edward tried hard to keep up with Percy, but every time he got near, Percy would gain more speed. The two engines went faster and faster, until at last Percy came to a red signal, and his driver put on the brake.



Y TRUCKS

Percy came to a stop and Edward was soon right up behind him.

"Oh, Percy," puffed Edward. "I'm glad I caught up with you."

"I would still be ahead if it wasn't for this signal," laughed Percy, triumphantly.

"We need to give you an important message," said Edward's driver. "Your trucks weren't properly coupled. You left two of them behind at Edward's station!"

"Oh dear!" said Percy's driver. "Now we will have to go all the way back to Edward's station to collect them. Percy had been travelling so fast that it was a very long way back indeed!

"Now we will be later than ever," grumbled Percy and his driver.

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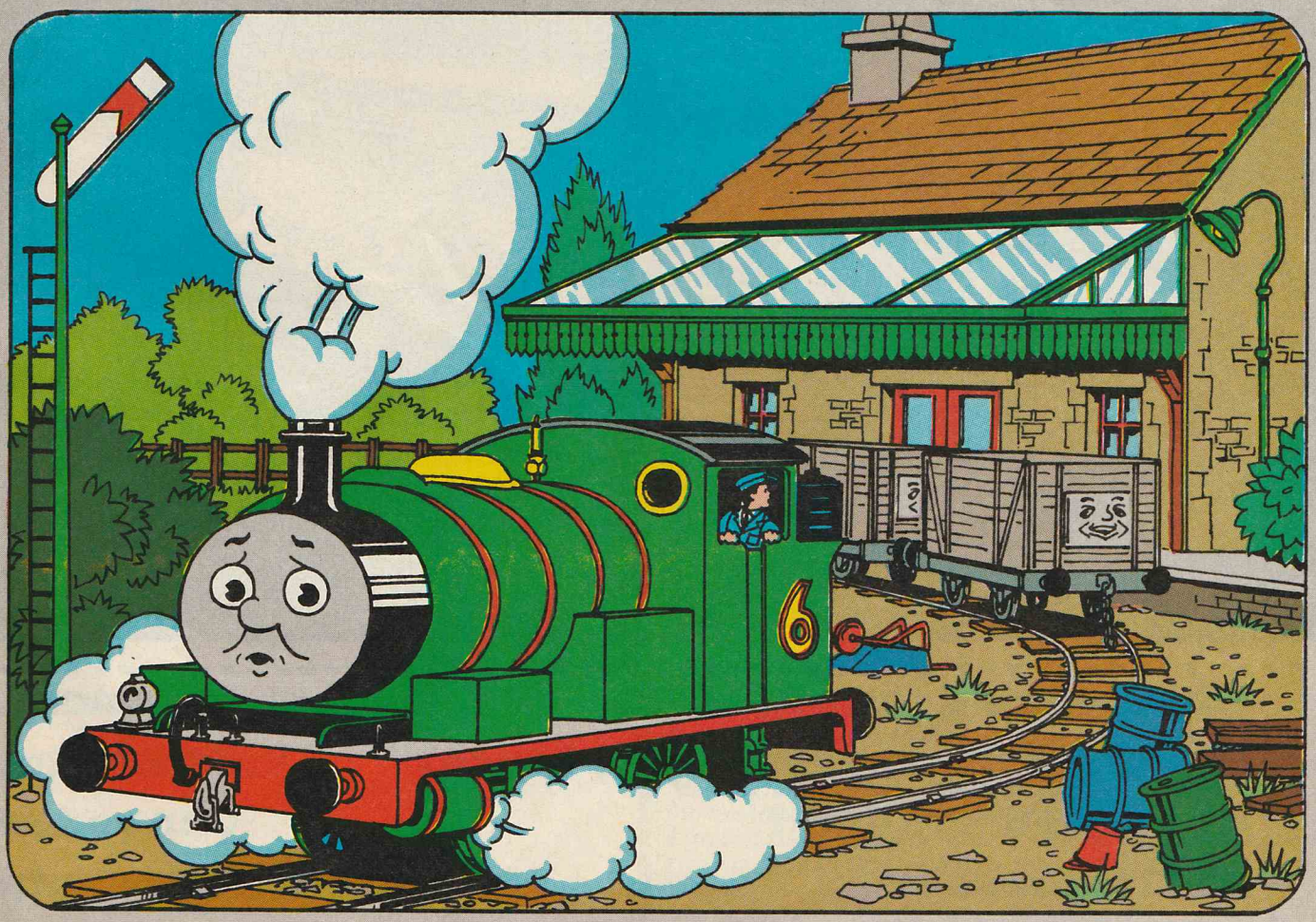

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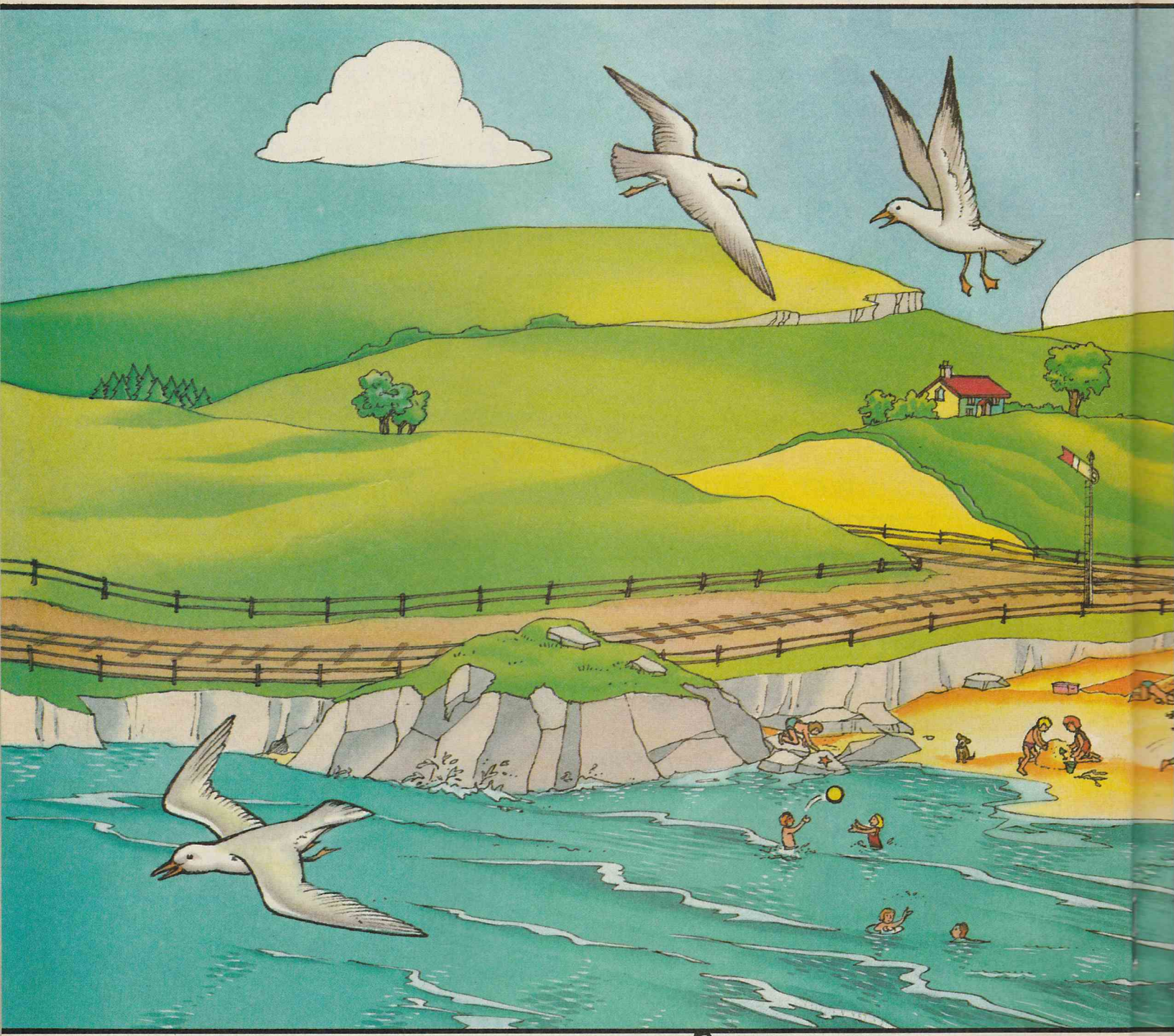

Which engine can you see?

How many donkeys are on the beach?

What colour are they?

Point to the cottage!

How many beach

How many people

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he picnic?

agulls are flying in the sky?

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This page is designed to form part of a colourful mural for your child's bedroom, playgroup or classroom. After you have finished reading the comic with your child, remove this part of the centrespread by cutting along the dotted line. There will be a 'mural page' in every issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends.** Why not collect each one and watch Thomas and his friends puff all round the room!

Next issue: Along the promenade!

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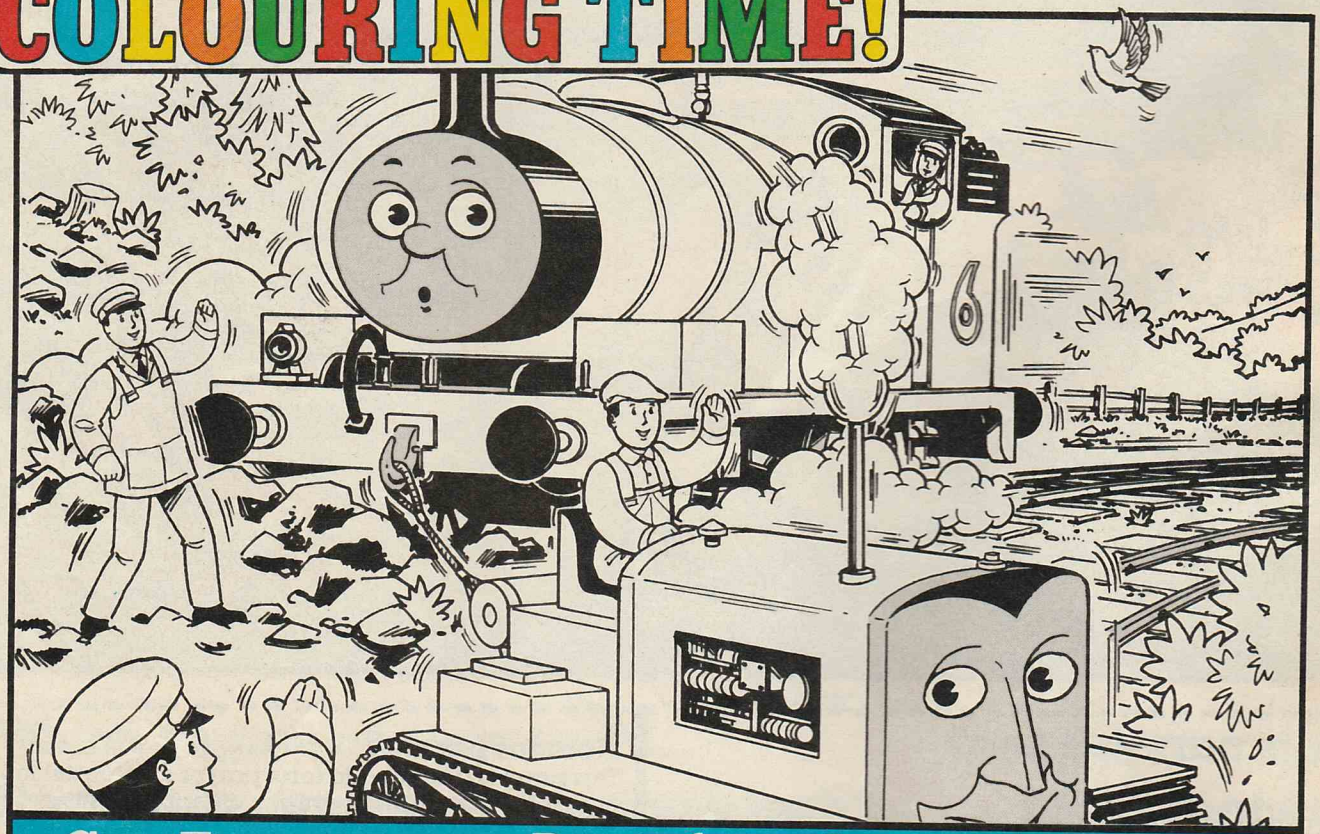
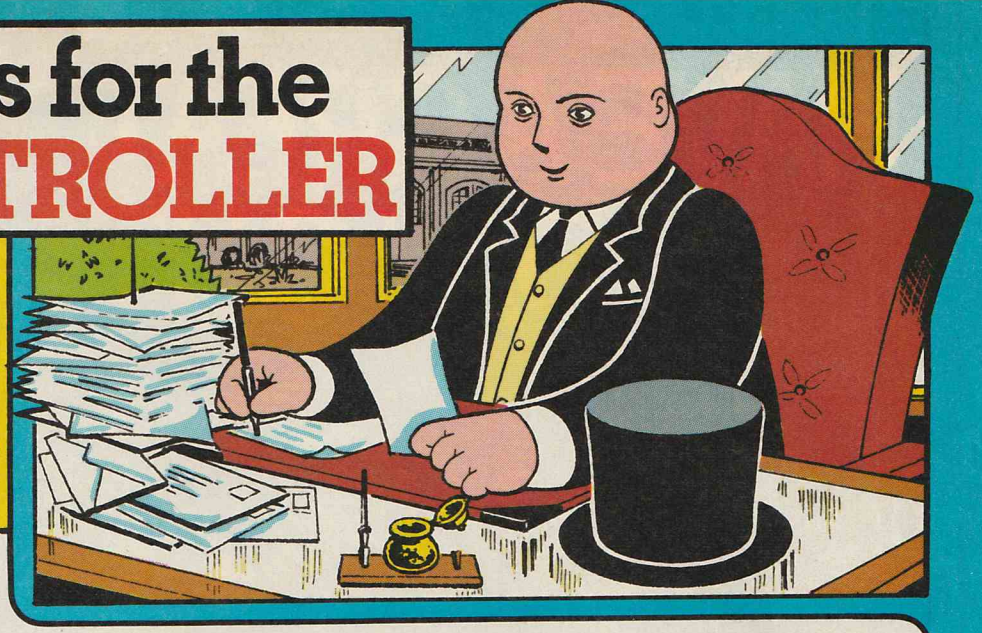


Can Terence save Percy from his awful plight, Colour them both and make them bright!

Your letters for the FAT CONTROLLER



Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
I love going to Didcot to see all the steam engines, especially on 'steam days'. I watch the engines go on the turntable and see the workmen in the shed but most of all, I like to pretend that I am you!
Love from **Jamie Howard** (aged 4).

I do agree! Didcot railway is a splendid place to be and you can have such fun riding on the engines! I hope you can continue to enjoy your visits!

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HAPPY ENGINE!

Dear Fat Controller,
I am writing to tell you about my recent visit to the South Devon Railway at Buckfast where I saw the friends of **Thomas the Tank Engine!** I was sad because Thomas couldn't be there, but I enjoyed seeing all the other engines. Trevor was there too! He was very happy because there were lot's of children there!
Love from **Ian Sheard,** aged 3.

***My! My!** It sounds as though you had a very splendid time on the South Devon line! I am very pleased that you met Trevor because he always enjoys making new friends!*

CHEEKY ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
My favourite engine is Percy because he is so cheeky! Are Bill and Ben cheeky as well?
Love from **Edward,** aged 4.

Yes, Bill and Ben can be very cheeky and mischievous at times but they are still really useful to my railway!

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B Surrey
C Essex

Q2 A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

How high is Depth Charge?
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B 50 feet
C 60 feet

Q3 A ☐ B ☐ C ☐

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B Parachuting
C Parascending

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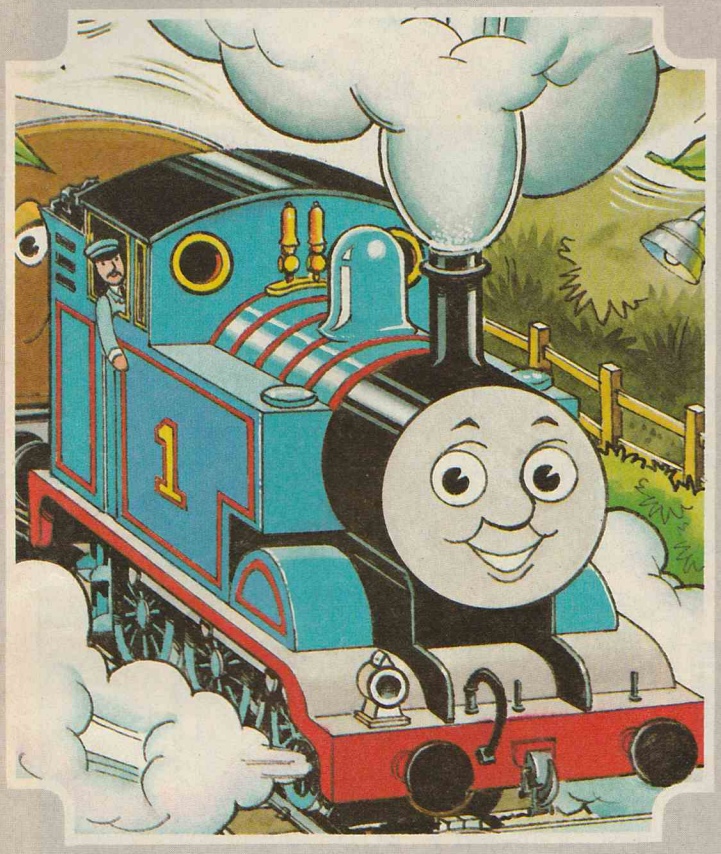

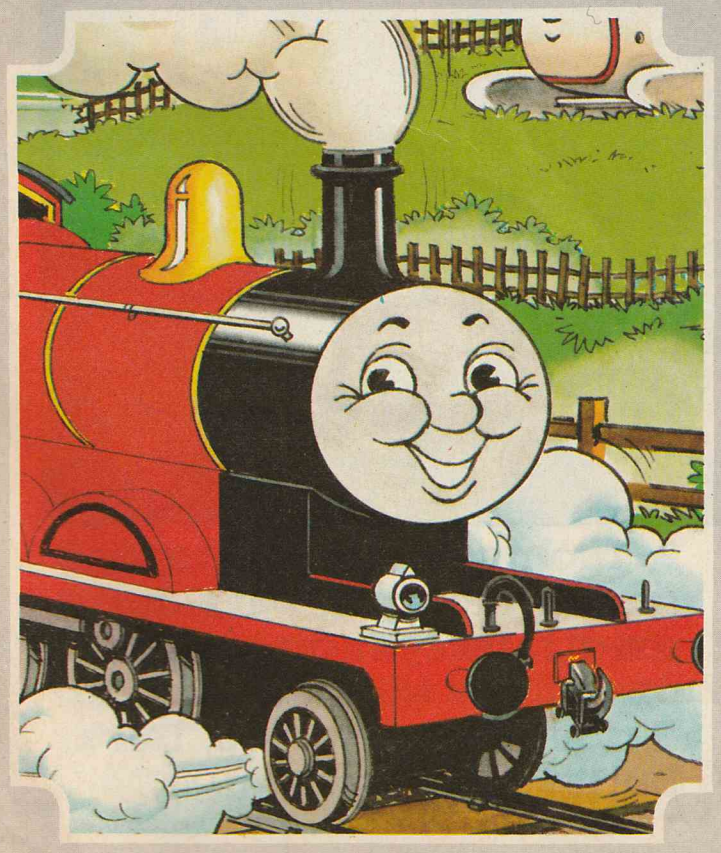

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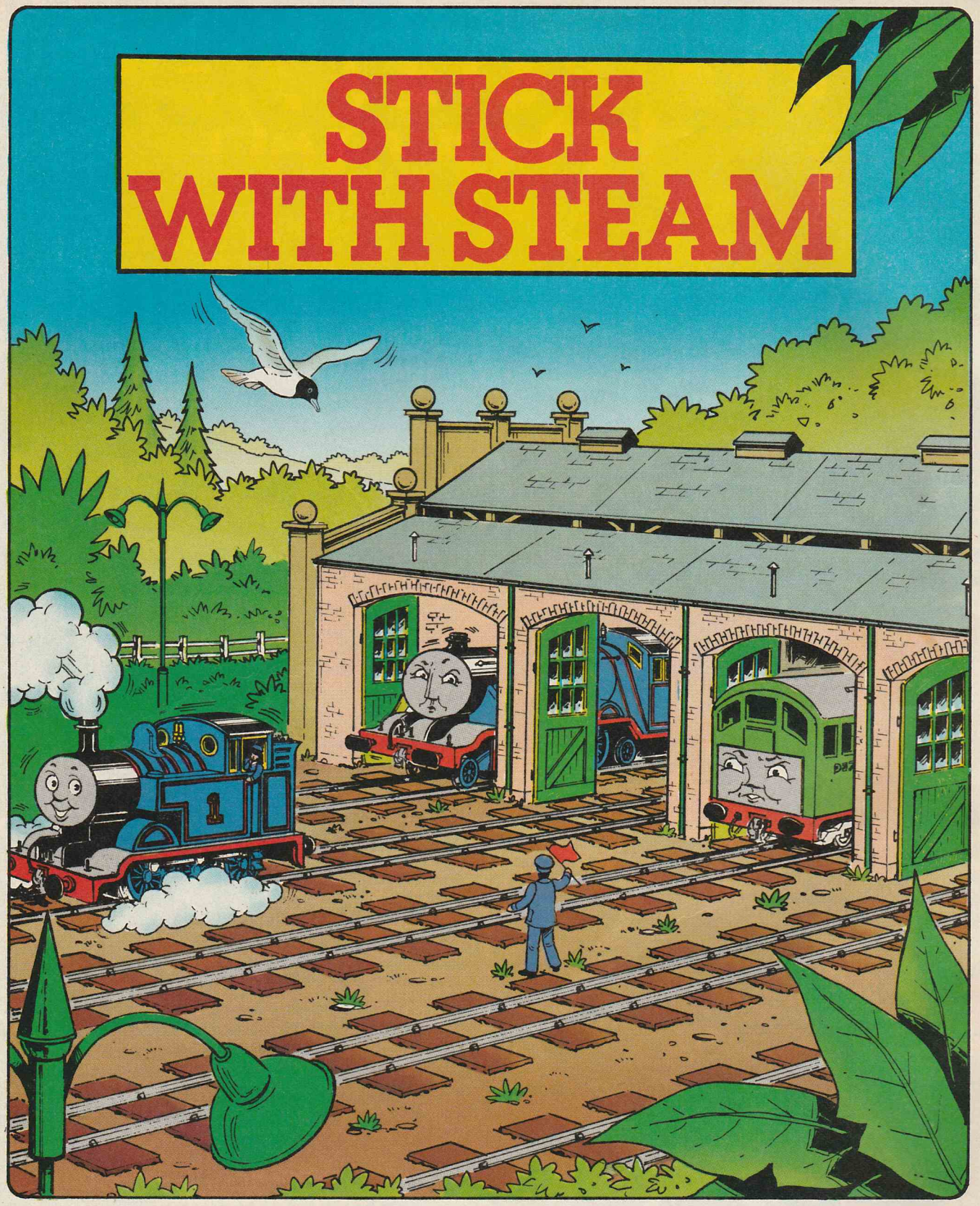
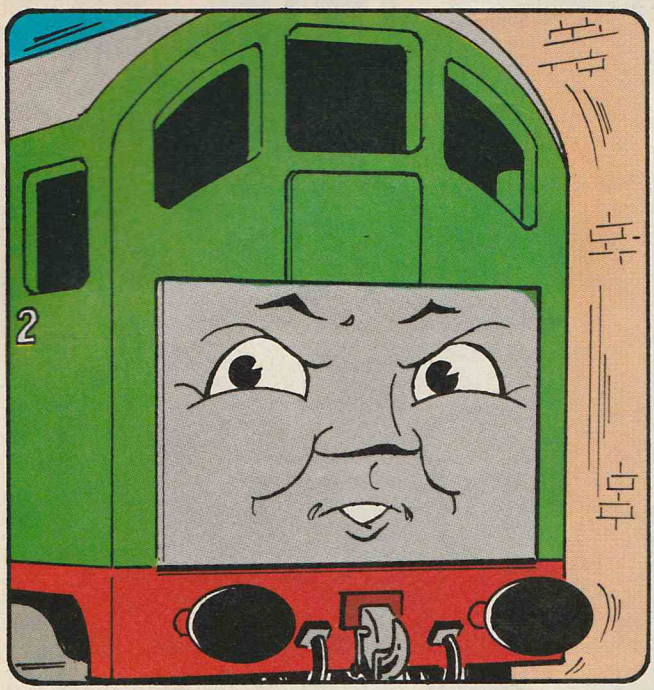
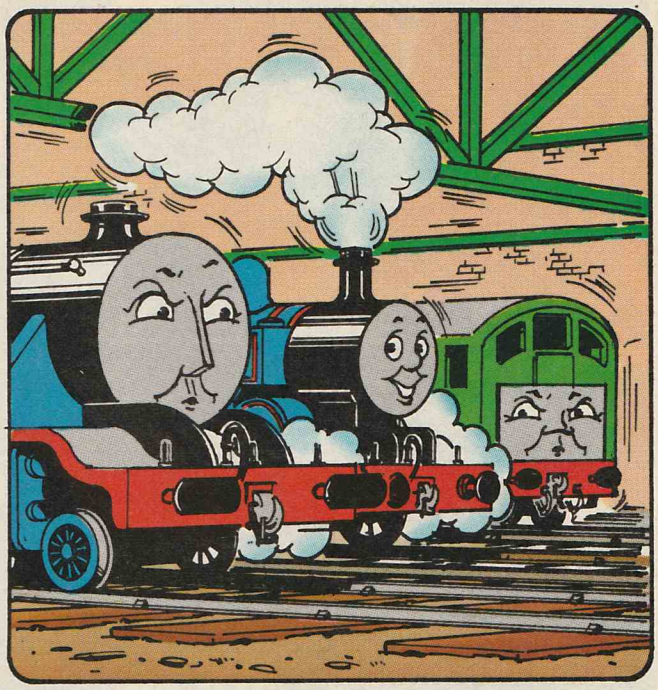


1. It was nearing the end of a busy day on the Island of Sodor. Boco and Gordon were talking in the shed. Both engines sounded very cross indeed!

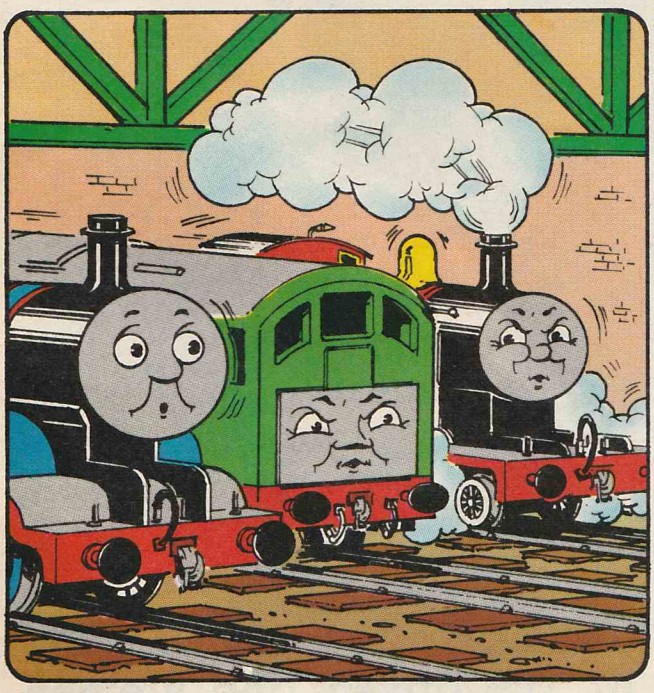
2. Thomas heard their noise across the yard! "It's those great rumbly engines which I object to!" shouted Gordon. "I don't object to you, Duck, but it's unnecessary!"



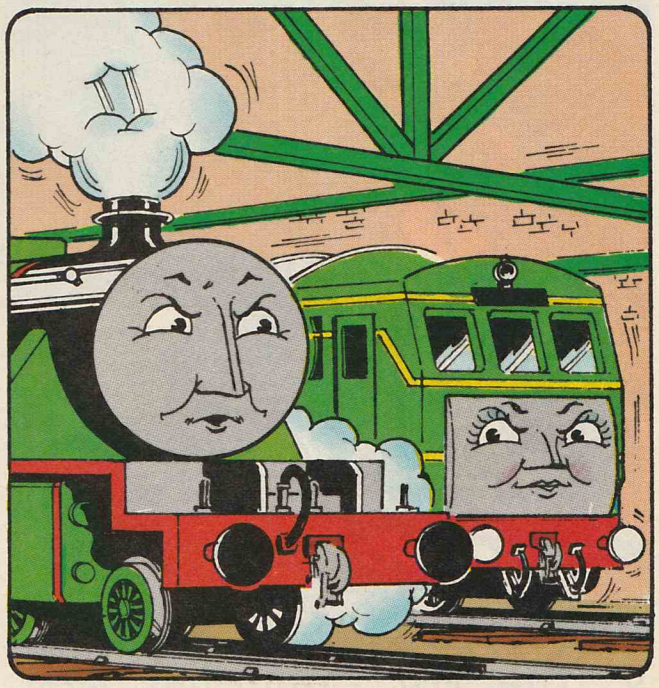
3. "What about your hissing?" asked Boco. "That can be most annoying as well!" "What are you two shouting about?" asked Thomas, as he backed into the shed.



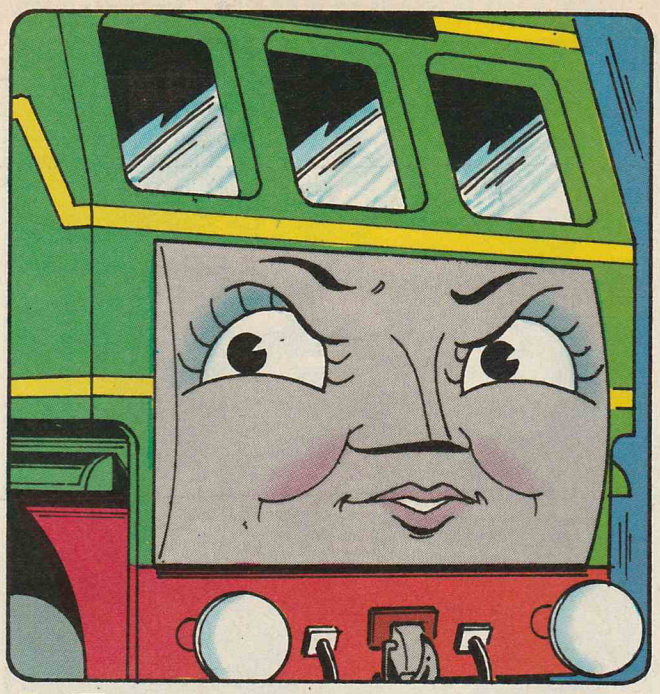
4. "Diesels!" puffed Gordon. "Steam!" replied Boco. "What about diesels and steam?" asked Thomas. "I don't like it!" complainted Gordon. "It's out of date!" grumbled Boco.



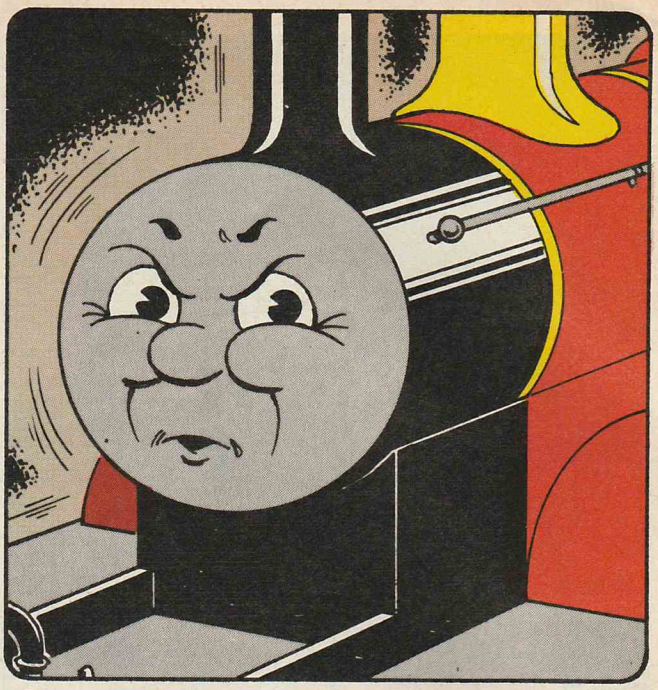
5. Soon, the other engines returned to the shed. Henry, James and Edward all agreed with Gordon that steam was best. Daisy and Diesel agreed with Boco.



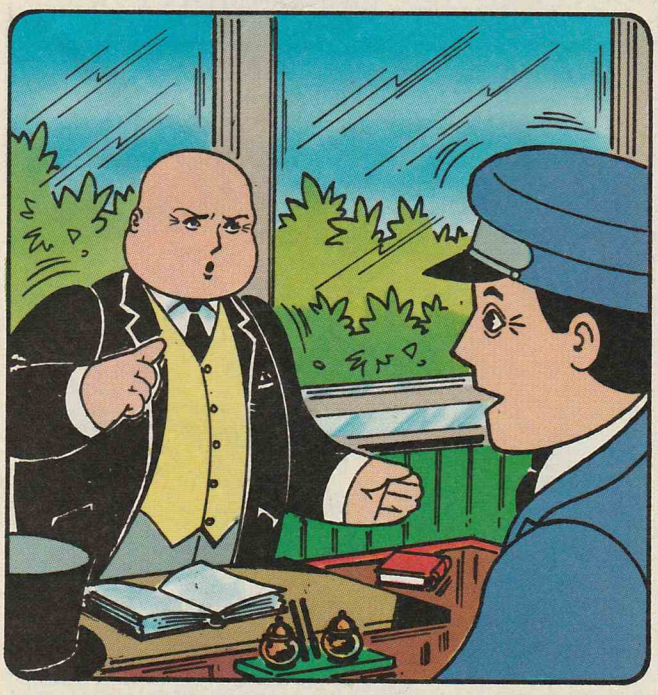
6. "He's right!" shouted Henry. "Rubbish!" sniffed Daisy. "The best engines are thoroughly modern! What could be more modern than a nice clean diesel?"



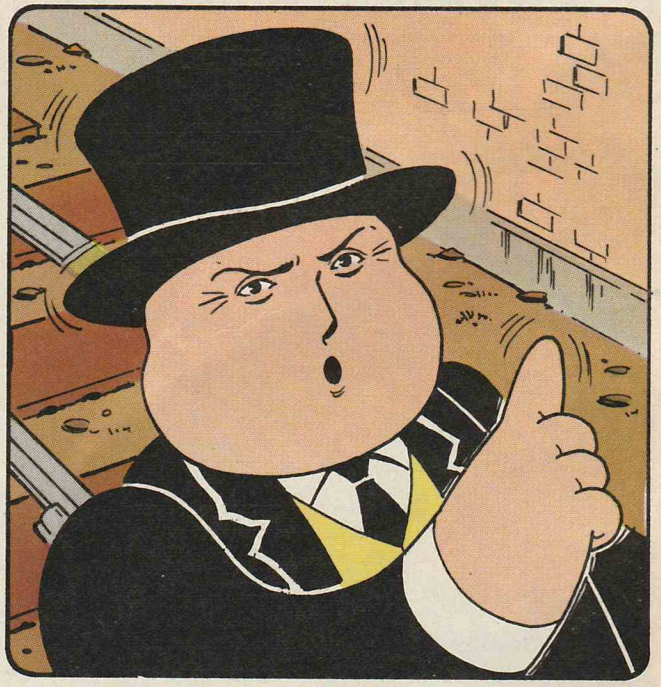
7. "You mean, what could be more noisy and troublesome?" said Gordon. "Troublesome?" laughed Daisy. "Nothing is more troublesome than a steam engine!"



8. "What about Diesel?" asked James. "He disrupts our railway!" Next morning the engines were tired from arguing and refused to come out of the shed!



9. The Fat Controller was soon informed of the trouble in the shed. He did not want his railway to be disrupted by a silly argument. He soon arrived at the shed.



10. The drivers and firemen had been trying to coax the engines out, but it hadn't worked. The Fat Controller was very cross. "There is work to be done!" he said.

11. "Why are you all so cross?" the Fat Controller asked. "Diesels!" announced Gordon. "We steam engines refuse to work with them!" "Pah!" snorted Boco. "All steam engines are the same!" "Be quiet!" the Fat Controller shouted. "How can I run a reliable railway without Really Useful Engines? What use are you in your shed?"

12. "You will only become Really Useful Engines when you can learn to work together!" the Fat Controller continued. The engines knew that the Fat Controller was right. They had been so busy arguing that they had forgotten about the important trains each had to pull that morning and were sorry to keep everyone waiting!

THE END

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STAMPING OUT CRIME
IT'S THE... St Ivel
FIENDISH Feet!

ONE NIGHT...
NOBODY IN... THIS'LL BE EASY!
HEH, HEH, HEH!
BUT!
WHO DARED TO WAKE US UP?
FIENDISH FRIDGE (enter at own risk)
CREAK

SPOOKY WOOKY
DOOYAFINKISAURUS

TUM TE TUM TE TUM
SUDDENLY...
WOOOOULD YOU LIKE SOME HELP?
SCARED SWAGLESS
AARRGHHH!
NICE ONE SPOOKY!
SWAG
YEEEOOW!
NIP!
NOW TRY SOME ANCIENT HISSSSTORY!
WHIZZ!
PHAROAH NUFF

MESMA EYES
PHAROAH NUFF

WHIMPER!
TIP TOE
SWIVE BOGGLE SEARCH
WHERE'S HE GONE DOOYAFINKISAURUS?
HOLD ME STILL, SPOOKY!
SOON....
EYE'VE FOUND HIM!
OOER!
HIDING UNDER THE BED

FRANK'N'STEIN
TONGUE TWISTER

YOU... WILL... GO... AND ... GIVE YOURSELF UP!
MESMA POWER
HAVE NO FEAR, MESMA EYES IS HERE!
TEE, HEE!
I WILL... GO... AND... GIVE ... MYSELF UP!
EEK!
SCAREDY CAT
BAH!

MOANING MUMMY

St Ivel
FIENDISH FEET
THEY'RE FAR TOO GOOD TO BE BAD!!!

CHEESEY WHEESEY
- CHEESE SPREAD -

MONSTER MOUSSE
DAIRY DESSERT
LOW FAT YOGURT
TREMBLERS